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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 50, 51, 53. 63, and 65-67 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed April 4, 2007.

Please charge Deposit Account #13-2725 in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

Also enclosed is a Petition for one-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, thereby extending said period of response from July 4, 2007 to August 4, 2007. Please charge Deposit Account #13-2725 in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for large entity.

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